

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Mark Bartlett, President

Our days of Arizona winter have turned to spring again... and it is time to fill you in on recent Friends of the Tempe Public Library activities. Our October Booksale was one of our most successful ever – we raised over \$6800! Thanks go to Maria Salza Purchine, board member and volunteer, who designed wonderful raffle baskets for the fall sale. Maria's baskets were attractive, theme-based (e.g. romance, mystery) collections of books, edibles and gift items. Raffle tickets were \$1 each, and we raised over \$300 before and during the book sale in raffle tickets alone! Speaking of book-sales, it's not too early to mark your calendar for the next sale: April 17th. We will have raffle baskets again this year. Your purchases and your donations to the Friends' group help build a better library for the people of Tempe. In the last couple of years the fundraising has helped support such programs and services as the Summer Reading Program, Arizona Book Festival,

Diversity Dialogues, Family Place, HealthStart Infant Reading Kits, and BookPage, the free reading/book magazine you can pick up for free in the library.

Our Friends' membership is currently 300 and we thank each and every one of you for renewing your memberships. Interested in volunteering? Please let us know

Friends Book Sale

Saturday
April 17
9:00-10:00 am
Members Only
10:00-2:00 pm
General Public
Welcome!

because we need book corner volunteers to help sort, price and display books on Tuesdays (late afternoon/evening) and Thursdays (morning). Call (489) 350-5599 and ask for Melaine. We also need someone with experience in web-page development to take

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ABOVE THE STACKS

by Teri Metros,
Library Administrator

2004 will be a very busy year for the Library and its staff members, one with many important projects and activities on the schedule in the coming months. These include a community based strategic planning process that will determine how the library's resources will be allocated over the next five years to a number of grant projects that will result in new programs and services for both adults and children.

Strategic Planning Process

I am pleased to report that the Tempe Public Library recently began a strategic planning process, thanks to the financial support of the Arizona State Library. The planning process is following the *Planning for Results*

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method, a streamlined process developed by the Public Library Association. The *Planning for Results* process has come to be accepted as the "standard" in planning for public library services.

This is the second year that the State Library has provided funding to support public library planning efforts in Arizona and Tempe has been fortunate to be selected to participate in the program this year. The Arizona State Library has provided funding to train a select group of Arizona librarians to serve as facilitators for this process. Tempe is very fortunate to have two very competent library professionals as facilitators, Laura Thomas Sullivan and Bonny Bruce from the Tucson Pima Public Library.

The process to be followed is a collaborative effort between community stakeholders and library staff. First, a planning committee comprised of community members representing various constituencies will help the library create a community vision, analyze its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, and identify community needs. The committee will then select and prioritize library service responses to meet those needs. Once that step is completed, the Tempe Public Library staff will use their skills and expertise to develop goals, objectives, and activities to respond to the needs identified by the planning committee. The process will be completed no later

than May 2004. Once completed, the strategic plan will be submitted to the Library Advisory Board and the Tempe City Council.

An effective planning process is particularly important during a time when rapidly changing computer technologies and budget limitations are having a significant impact upon Tempe's public library operations. As a result, the Tempe Public Library's participation in the *Planning for Results* process will reap great benefits as the Library strives to meet community information needs and also allocate its budget resources in the most effective manner to meet those needs.

Project 1-2-3 Read Tempe

Assisting in family literacy efforts is one of the Library's ongoing goals so we were delighted to learn that we were awarded a \$53,297 federal Library Services and Technology grant for *1-2-3 Read Tempe*, a reading readiness and library awareness program. This program was the brainchild of Youth Services Supervisor Sherry Warren and Outreach Coordinator Nicholas Escalante. Sherry and Nick have long been active in developing programs and services to reach our youngest users. The program is aimed at providing parents with the information and learning resources that they will need to help their preschool children develop the early literacy skills required to become effective readers and learners. The pro-

gram is comprised of five components: (1) Parent education workshops on infant brain development, reading readiness awareness training, and on transitioning the emergent reader; (2) Reading readiness screenings by certified professionals; (3) Special collections of print and audio-visual materials for preschool children and their parents; (4) Access to electronic learning systems that will entertain and stimulate children as they learn basic concepts such as the alphabet, phonics, and beginning math principals; and (5) A library card incentive program for preschool children. In order to make it easy for parents and children to participate, project programs will be offered at a variety of times, including both nighttime and weekend offerings, at both the main Library and at the Escalante Multigenerational Center. Complete information about *1-2-3 Read Tempe* will be available in the Spring 2004 of the Tempe Community Services Department's *Tempe Opportunities* brochure or by contacting our Youth Library at 480-350-5522.

Life Options Connections Café

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the City of Tempe's Social Services, Library, and Parks and Recreation divisions, as well as those of many community social services agencies, the City of Tempe was awarded a \$15,000 planning grant from the Virginia

G. Piper Charitable Trust to plan for a Life Options center within the Tempe Public Library. The Life Options initiative in Maricopa County came about through the collaborative efforts of two national non-profit organizations, Libraries for the Future and Civic Ventures. Libraries for the Future champions the role of libraries in American life and helps individual libraries become more effective community institutions. Civic Ventures works to expand the contributions of older Americans, and to help transform the aging of American society into a source of individual and social renewal. The Life Options initiative in Maricopa County targets the baby-boomer generation whose life circumstances and outlook may be very different than that of previous senior generations. As a result, they may not look to traditional senior centers to gather information or participate in activities. The core components of a Life Options center are:

(1) life planning programs, (2) a gateway for civic engagement, (3) lifelong learning for new careers and enrichment, (4) spaces and programs that promote social connections and foster a community for all ages, and (5) information and assistance with resource navigation. Tempe's proposal focused upon the creation of a "Life Options Connections Café" within the Library. The Café is envisioned as a unique gathering place that will provide a comprehensive one stop resource that will connect midlife and older

adults with information, services, and programs they need to become effective, happy, and engaged members of the community. The planning grant is being used to develop an implementation plan for the Café. A steering committee comprised of a diverse group of Tempe citizens within the target population has been formed to assist in the development of the plan which must be submitted to the Piper Trust by the end of June 2004. The initial meeting of the steering committee was very successful with many creative ideas and lots of enthusiasm. Developing a successful implementation plan will allow the City to apply for an implementation grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. Stay tuned in the coming months as we move forward with this exciting project.

Thank You! ***i Gracias! Merci!***

Thanks to all of you who helped to make our November book sale such a success. We netted over \$6,000, all of which will go toward funding programs for the Library. Your purchases and donations made it all possible.

Our spring book sale will be held on Saturday, April 17th. We will need your donations to make this sale a success. Donations of books, magazines, and audio-visual materials can be taken to one of our book drops or dropped off at the Library's Check-Out Desk. Large donations may be taken to the Library's loading dock.

Thank you again for enabling us to have these worthwhile fundraising sales, something that allows us to raise money in support of library programs and services.

Friends' Spring Book Sale Coming in April

We invite you to join us on Saturday, April 17th, 2004, in the Library's lower level Program Room for our next book sale. The doors will open at 9:00 am for a special "members only" sale. The doors will open to non-members at 10:00 am. If you are not already a Friends member, this would be a great time to join and get the first pick of the many wonderful offerings that will be on sale that day. Memberships will be sold at the door.



The sale will feature a wide range of materials including children's books, compact disc recordings in "like new" condition, and paperback and hardback fiction and non-fiction books at bargain prices. The items offered for sale will range in price from \$.25 to \$10.00 each. The sale will end at 2:00 pm. Members of the Tempe Historical Society will also be on hand to sell merchandise at reduced prices from the Tempe Historical Museum Gift Shop including cards, jewelry, toys, and other gift items.

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care of the Friends group website (<http://community.tempe.gov/libraryfriends>).

I'm happy to inform you that the Friends group is involved in the Library's strategic planning process (January-June 2004). Joe Harris, an FTPL board member since 2001, is our representative on the strategic planning committee. I'm also excited that a group of Tempe teens is working with the Library's Youth Services staff to start a Teen Friends of the Library.

Unfortunately, this will be my last column as Friends' President. VP Melaine Corrao is taking over my responsibilities in February, as I am getting ready to move to New York City in March and start a new job there. My wife Sue and I have loved Tempe Public Library since we first set foot in the library in the summer of 1999 ... you have a great library here ... and you should all be proud of it!!

Look for a Friends' booth at two upcoming events in the valley, the YouthFest day on February 28 and the Arizona Book Festival on April 3.

OneBookAZ

OneBookAZ is an exciting program hosted by libraries and other partners across the state. The driving force behind this project is its goal to bring communities together through literature and reading. It encourages communities across the State of Arizona to read the same book and participate in discussion and programs

centered on that book during the month of April. The title selected for 2004, the third year of the program is, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. *Life of Pi* is a daring, redemptive tale of adventure and survival where the most unusual Pi manages to survive on a lifeboat with a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. When the sixteen-year-old Pi, his family, and a ship-load of animals bound for North American homes sets off from India, the ship sinks. The son of a zookeeper with an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior, as well as a practicing Hindu, Muslim and Catholic, Pi uses his cunning, his knowledge and fear to co-exist with Richard Parker for 227 days at sea.

A national bestseller in hardcover and in paperback (May, 2003) *Life of Pi* continues to fascinate and absorb readers. In addition to winning the 2002 Man Booker Prize, *Life of Pi* has also been chosen as a "New York Times Notable Book of 2002," a "Publishers Weekly Best Books of 2002," a "Los Angeles Times Best Fiction Books of 2002" and "Amazon.com's #1 Book of the Year."

In celebration of the book, a number of special events will be held throughout the state. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends and the Phoenix Zoo, the Tempe Public Library will be hosting a featured event. *Pi, the Animals, and Richard Parker* will be held at the Library on Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 pm. Mike Foley from the Phoenix Zoo will speak about how a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena,

and the teenaged son of a zookeeper might interact with a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger in real life. The program is free to the public but registration is required. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 480-350-5511.

Come See Us at the Arizona Book Festival

Members of the Friends and the Tempe Public Library staff will be staffing a booth at the Seventh Annual Arizona Book Festival. The Festival will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Carnegie Center, 1101 W. Washington Street, near the Arizona State Capital. Over 200 local and nationally recognized authors will appear at the event including Ron Carlson, Nancy Farmer, Alan Dean Foster, Diana Gabaldon, Ursula K. Le Guin, Tom McGuane, and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The Festival celebrates books and reading by offering thousands of new and used books for sale, hundreds of exhibitors, book appraisals, interactive discussions, multicultural programs, author signings, cookbook demonstrations, an entire area devoted to children, and much more. The Arizona Book Festival is the kick-off event for OneBookAZ, a statewide effort that brings readers together by focusing on one book during the month of April.

News from the Youth Library

By Sherry Warren,
Youth Library Supervisor

Mock Caldecott/ Newbery/Printz Awards

Tempe Library is proud to be an integral part of the Mock Caldecott, Newbery, and Printz Awards Elections. The Library has received a great deal of recognition through the efforts of Jean Greives, one of our hard working youth librarians.

Over the last year, Jean organized this exciting program which brings Arizona librarians together each year to discuss the year's best literature for children and young adults. The process culminated in January with mock elections where the librarians voted on the best books for the Caldecott Award (given for an artistically distinguished picture book), the Newbery Medal (given for distinguished writing of a children's book), and the Printz Award (given for a quality book for young adults).

The process begins each year when Arizona librarians or other interested parties submit books to a website devoted to the mock elections. Jean maintains and updates this web page frequently. (<http://www.tempe.gov/library/>

youth/mock.htm) This year, youth librarian Judi Pimentel represented the Tempe Library in the Mock Printz discussion. Involvement in the Printz mock discussion is time consuming because it involves reading many young adult titles. Judi selects the young adult and middle school books for the Library. Many compliments to Judi because almost every book nominated for the Mock Printz Award was already on order! Jean attended the discussions on the Caldecott and Newbery Awards which also involved a lot of reading. She feels that it is a wonderful chance to read the best of the best in children's literature every year! After the elections, the web page posts the results.

This year the Arizona mock discussions selected the following winners:

Mock Caldecott Medal

Roller Coaster by
Marla Frazee
Easy/Picture
F8481RO



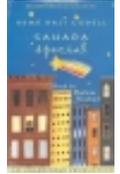
Mock Caldecott Honor Book

Two Eggs, Please by
Sarah Weeks, Illus.
by Betsy Lewin



Mock Newbery Medal *Sahara Special*

by Esme Raji Codell
Juv Fic C6696SA



Mock Newbery Honor Book *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*

by Sharon Creech
Juv Fic C9133GR



Mock Printz Award

Inside Out by Terry Trueman
Young Adult T7554IN



Mock Printz Honor Books

A Northern Light by
Jennifer Donnelly
Young Adult D6859NO



Fault Line by Janet Tashjian

Young Adult T1974FA



Zigzag by Ellen Wittlinger

Young Adult W8323ZI



Take the opportunity to come to the Youth Library to read these books. The youth librarians would be glad to help you find them and tell you more about the program.

Join the Friends!

Applications are available at the library or log-on to our website at:

www.tempe.gov/library/friends



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As many readers know, there are few things as exciting as getting the next book in a wonderful series. This is evidenced by all the hoopla surrounding the release of the Harry Potter titles. The anticipation leads to a book that is both familiar and unexpected at the same time. Here are some suggestions for some great series to read that you may have missed the first time around.

Dunnett, Dorothy. *The Books of Lymond Chronicle*
Ten years in the life of the younger son, Francis Crawford of Lymond, of an aristocratic Scottish family in the sixteenth century.
Game of Kings ('61) D9237GA
Queen's Play ('64) D9237QU
Disorderly Knights ('66) D0237DI
Pawn in Frankincense ('69)
..... D9237PA
Ringed Castle ('71) D9237RI
Checkmate ('75) D9237CH

Graham, Winston. *Poldark Series*
The tumultuous tale of rival Cornish families from the end of the American Revolution through the Napoleonic Wars. This is probably one of the longest ongoing fiction series.
Ross Poldark ('45) LT G742RP
Demelza ('46) G742DE
Jeremy Poldark ('50) G742JP

Warleggan ('53) G742WR
Black Moon ('73) G742B
Four Swans ('76) G742FO
Angry Tide ('77) G742AP
Stranger from the Sea ('81)
..... G742ST
Miller's Dance ('82) G742MI
Loving Cup ('84) G742LO
Twisted Sword ('90) G742TW
Bella Poldark (2002) G742BE

Ogilvie, Elisabeth. *The Bennett Island Tide Series.*
These novels explore the lives and loves of the Bennett family on an island off the coast of Maine. This series will especially appeal to the readers of Jan Karon.
High Tide at Noon ('44) O342HI
Storm Tide ('45) O342SR
Ebbing Tide ('47) O342EB
Answer in the Tide ('78) O342AN